

**National Geospatial Advisory Committee
June 9-10, 2020 Webinar Meeting Summary**

ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and Adoption of December 2019 NGAC Minutes

DECISION: The NGAC adopted the minutes of the December 4-5, 2019 NGAC meeting.

NSDI Strategic Plan Subcommittee

DECISION: The NGAC approved the paper, “Recommendations on the 2020 NSDI Strategic Plan.”

ACTION: The subcommittee will continue to collaborate with the FGDC NSDI Core Team to provide input into the development of the new NSDI strategic plan.

Cultural & Historical Geospatial Resources Subcommittee

ACTION: The subcommittee will work with FGDC staff to plan briefing sessions for FGDC Cultural Resources Subcommittee agencies and other key stakeholders on the recommendations included in the NGAC paper, “Protecting Federal Cultural and Historical Geospatial Resources.”

Landsat Advisory Group

ACTION: The LAG will continue working on the tasks outlined in the 2020 guidance provided by the USGS National Land Imaging Program:

- **Task 1:** Report on Landsat data as a community standard for data calibration (target completion: October 2020)
- **Task 2:** Formulating a Big Data Science challenge for land imaging time-series data (target completion: October 2020)
- **Task 3:** Modernized interpretation of the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992 (target completion: December 2020)

Public-Private Partnerships Subcommittee

ACTION: The subcommittee will continue meeting on a bi-weekly basis. The subcommittee will provide a draft recommendations paper to the NGAC in September, and seek final approval at the October NGAC meeting.

GDA Congressional Report Subcommittee

DECISION: The NGAC approved the following use case papers, pending minor editorial changes:

- Addressing the Opioid Crisis
- Improving Foster Care Outcomes
- NC Flood Mapping Program
- Road Maintenance
- Successful 2020 Census Enabled with Geospatial Tools
- Summary of 2020 NGAC Use Cases

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DECISION: The NGAC approved the following resolution:

“The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) is encouraged by the progress the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) community is making in implementing the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA). The NGAC has provided initial comments on GDA implementation through its paper, “Initial Comments on Geospatial Data Act Implementation” (May 2019), and through ongoing inputs to the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) strategic plan and the FGDC’s GDA biennial report to Congress.

The NGAC resolves that:

1. Given the vital and growing role that integrated geospatial information and technology plays in our society, ***the NGAC strongly supports the GDA and believes it to be a comprehensive approach and roadmap for advancing the NSDI.***
2. Given that the GDA planning and reporting requirements are considerable and highly complex, ***the NGAC recommends streamlining of the reporting processes to ensure focused, efficient, and consistent reporting across government.***
3. Given the NGAC’s May 2019 Comments on the GDA, the NGAC believes the FGDC community does not have sufficient resources, either within the FGDC Office of Secretariat or within FGDC covered agencies, to adequately meet the implementation requirements of the GDA. This lack of resources puts successful implementation of the GDA at significant risk. ***Specifically, NGAC recommends that the FGDC work with the Office of Management and Budget to ensure adequate resources are made available to the FGDC and covered agencies to:***
 - a. Accomplish the coordination, planning, communication, reporting, and collaboration duties of FGDC as required by the GDA in Sections 753(c) and 755(c);
 - b. Enable lead covered agencies to provide the leadership, coordination, and management required in Section 756(b) of the GDA to advance nationwide development, maintenance, and open accessibility of the NGDA data themes for all organizations and the public, through partnerships with all appropriate stakeholders;
 - c. Transform interagency service delivery collaboration to take advantage of the most efficient and effective technologies for providing access to integrated geospatial data from all appropriate NSDI stakeholders, as required in Section 758 of the GDA;
 - d. Strengthen the content, quality, data management, and service delivery for each of the NGDA data themes by responsible covered agencies, as required in Sections 756 and 759 of the GDA.”

ACTION: The subcommittee will continue to collaborate with the FGDC team to provide input into the development of the GDA Report to Congress

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Future Topics

ACTION: The NGAC established a team to explore and scope possible NGAC engagement related to geospatial support for COVID 19 response, leveraging feedback from a potential seminar/workshop in Summer 2020.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NGAC is scheduled for October 6-7, 2020. Additional information will be provided prior to the meeting.